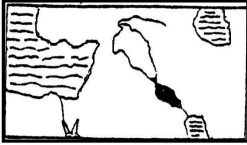


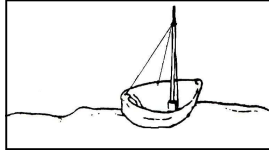
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
- Mesopotamia= valley between rivers (Greek)
- Weather much the same as today hot during summer 40 c, cold during winter 0 c

2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources
- Fertile land for crops
- 1/2 of produce was donated to the temple and landowner

3. Religion and Philosophy



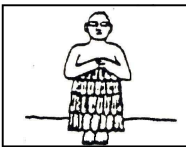
- Believe that there are deities for everything natural (sun, air, water)
- Built pyramid called ziggurats to worship deities, Sumerians

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Language developed
- 3300 BCE they wrote pictographs
- Wrote from left to right and from top to bottom

5. Political Science



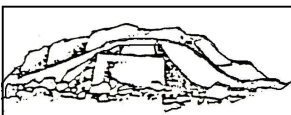
- Strong city states conquered and controlled weaker govt.
- Settled into city states (own rules + govt.)
- Uruk most powerful city state
- 1st leaders were priests

6. Sociology



- Societies are made up of upper, middle, lower classes and slaves.
- Father; head of household, they arranged education of sons and marriages of daughters, pay off debt by selling or hiring wives, children and slaves
- Women financially dependant on husbands, parents gave

7. History



- Referred to as cradle of civilization
- First known civilizations found here
- Country followed pattern of settlement and conquest